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Dear Mr. Ray:

I would like to take the opportunity provided during this comment period to correct misunderstandings apparent in the selection committee's comments about the geographic scope of the project.

The selection panel interpreted our focus to be the Sacramento watershed. We would like to correct this misunderstanding and clarify that the geographic scope of the project is to expand our programs and efforts in the San Joaquin, Bay Area, Delta, and Sacramento Regions as stated in the proposal on the following pages:

- Page 3 in the last sentence of the Goal states that Adopt-A-Watershed (AAW) will concentrate its efforts in the major watersheds of the Bay-Delta system. This includes the San Joaquin and Delta.
- Page 3 under Project Objectives #1 states that twenty-five teams will be provided professional development from the San Joaquin, Delta, and Sacramento regions.
- Page 4 under Project Objectives #5 states that production of a video highlighting successful AAW programs throughout the Bay Delta system will be produced. The San Joaquin and Delta are included in the Bay Delta system as described in the CALFED documents.
- Page 8 under Approach Objective 1 states that a total of 60 teams will be trained through the AAW Leadership Institute between 2003-2006 from watersheds in the San Joaquin, Delta, Bay Area, and Sacramento systems. It goes on to state that this grant will fund 25 of these teams from the San Joaquin, Delta, Bay Area, and Sacramento systems. It is AAW's intent to have up to one third of the 60 teams be from the San Joaquin, one-third from the Bay Area and Delta, and on-third from the Sacramento. Of the partners listed in the same section of the proposal that interested in sending teams under CALFED funding, three of the eight are from the San Joaquin watershed. The San Joaquin County Office of Education/Stockton partner represents at least 7 watersheds and 7 communities in San Joaquin County alone. The Bay and Delta partners were not listed because these teams will be funded under other funding sources.
- Page 11 under Approach, Objective 5 states that a video and GIS system to map and access projects, data, programs, and watersheds will be produced for each of the San Joaquin, Delta, Bay, and Sacramento regions.

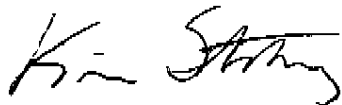
- Page 11 under Approach, Objective 6 states that Regional Coordinators will organize an annual tour of significant student projects within the San Joaquin, Delta, Bay, and Sacramento regions.
- Page 12 under Information richness and value states that Regional Coordinator's work will bring cohesion to the educational and restoration effort in the Bay-Delta system. This system includes the San Joaquin and Delta as stated in the CALFED documents. The Regional Coordinators are mentioned throughout the proposal. There will be three coordinators, one in the San Joaquin watershed, one in the Bay Delta region, and one in the Sacramento.
- On page 16-17, B. Applicability to CALFED ERP Priorities, 1. ERP Science Program and CVPIA Priorities the proposal states that the AAW program and Leadership Institute address priority MR-3 multi-regional needs, as it builds K-12 educational programs in communities in the San Joaquin, Delta, Bay, and Sacramento regions. It also discusses students completing monitoring, restoration and public education projects that address specific priorities in the San Joaquin, Delta, Bay, and Sacramento regions.
- On page 17-18, 3. Requests for Next-Phase Funding the proposal states that teams from the San Joaquin, Delta, Bay, and Sacramento regions attended our 2001-2002 Leadership Institute and that this next-phase proposal extends its reach and effectiveness by providing professional development to 25 more teams from the San Joaquin, Delta, Bay, and Sacramento regions.
- On page 18, 4. Previous Recipients the proposal states that a team from Stockton (San Joaquin watershed) and Oakland (Bay region) are currently participating in the AAW Leadership Institute and implementing programs in their regions.
- On page 20 under E. Local Involvement references partners who have expressed strong interest, which includes 3 out of eight listed from the San Joaquin watershed. Also, in the last sentence of this section it states that additional teams will be chosen from the San Joaquin, Delta, Bay, and Sacramento regions.

The above proposal references should make it clear that the proposal is to expand AAW programs and efforts in the Delta, Bay Area and San Joaquin regions while at the same time continuing efforts in the Sacramento watershed.

It appears that the concerns raised by the selection committee are addressed in the proposal. Therefore, we would appreciate moving the project ahead as directly as possible. Due to the timeline for submission, review, selection, and contracting listed in the 2002 PSP for the Ecosystem Restoration Program, we entered a starting date of July, 2003. However, a starting date of January 2003 would facilitate more effective management of the project, especially if a fully executed agreement was completed in advance of the January date.

I appreciate your review of these comments and look forward to hearing the results. Thank you for all the watershed restoration work that is taking place as a result of CALFED's efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Stokely". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kim" and last name "Stokely" clearly distinguishable.

Kim Stokely
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